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For: Apparatus And Method For Causing Deflection Of A Surgical Instrument

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

(Submitted Concurrently with Request for Continued Examination (RCE))

Honorable Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action dated September 19, 2006.

A petition for a three-month extension of time together with the appropriate fees accompanies this response so that it is timely filed.

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